Raiders' first loss

Brookville victorious in hard-fought game

The Raider varsity football team suffered its first defeat of the seaosn Friday night in a hard-fought, 20-16 loss to Brookville.

The Raiders scored first when Dennis Fleshman punched in from two yards out in the first quarter. Brookville came back to score twice in the second quarter, and take a 13-6 lead. Shortly before the half ended, Phil Agee kicked a 35-yard field goal to narrow the margin to 13-9.

The Raiders took the lead again in the third quarter, when Fleshman reversed field after an apparent loss, and scampered 43 yards for the Raiders' second touchdown.

Brookville came back, however, on a one-yard quarterback keeper by Greg French. The play was set up by a long pass up the middle to Bee tight end Richard Cundiff.

"It was a well played game," commented Raider Coach Gary Cuccio after the contest. "Both teams played well, and we're proud of the way our boys performed," the coach added.

The loss sets the Raiders' win at 7-1 overall, 6-1 in the Seminole District, Brookville has an identical record, and if both teams win their remaining two games, Brookville will win the district title because of their VHSL rating. However, there is a very good chance that the Raiders, if they defeat Altavista and William Campbell, will get a wildcard berth in the regional playoffs.

The Raiders picked up 199 yards rushing against Brookville, and 105 yards passing for a total of 304 yards offense. Leading ground gainers included Dennis Fleshman, with 98 yards on ten carries; Kevin Ferguson, with 73 yards on 15 carries, and Rodney Bryant, with 28 yards on two carries.

Ferguson completed eight of 21 passes for 105 yards against the Bees. Jody Williams had five receptions for 85 yards, Greg Mayberry had two catches for 17 yards, and Gary Ferguson had one catch for three yards.

The Friday night, the Raiders will travel to Altavista for their next-to-last regular-season game.

"Altavista is much improved over last year," commented Cuccio.

The game gets underway at Altavista at 8 p.m. tomorrow night.

JAYVEE RAIDER PLAYERS OF THE WEEK include (front, from left) Alex Almond, Russell Walton; (back, from left) Tommy Richardson, Sonny Martin, James Baker. Not shown is Ronald Scruggs. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

RAIDER RODNEY BRYANT breaks into the open for a good gainer in Friday night's game against Brookville, as the Bee defense gives pursuit. The Raiders and the Bees played a hard-fought game in this clash of unbeaten teams, but at the final buzzer, Brookville prevailed, 20-16. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Jayvees beat Brookville

The Jayvee Raider football team took charge in the first half of Thursday's game to hand the Brookville Bees a 22-14 defeat at Stinger Stadium.

The Raiders struck quickly as fullback Russell Walton returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown. Tailback Ronald Scruggs added the two-point conversion on a sweep to give the Raiders an 8-0 lead.

After holding the Bees scoreless in the first quarter, the Raiders began another scoring drive that ended with quarterback Alex Almond hiting split end Andre McCoy on a 15-yard touchdown pass. The half ended with the Raiders ahead, 14-0.

Early in the second, the Raiders put together another scoring drive, with hard running by Walton and Scruggs, and passing by Almond, McCoy, Barry Phelps and Tim Tuner made key pass receptions during the drive, which ended when Almond scored on a quarterback sneak. Almond's pass to slotback Tim Turner was good for the two-point conversion.

The Bees scored twice in the final quarter, but the rally was not enough to overcome the Raider advantage, and Appomattox came home with the 22-14 victory, making their record 3-4-1 with two games remaining in the season.

"Coach Pettyjohn worked the offensive line real hard last week, and it really paid off against Brookville," noted Coach Howard Clabough. "they were coming off the line quicker than at any time this year. We were very proud of the kids. They dominated Brookville at the line of scrimmage," the coach added.

The Raiders play Altavista today (Thursday) at Bragg Stadium. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Players cited

Six jayvee Raider football players were cited for their performance in Thursday's 22-14 win over Brookville.

Quarterback Alex Almond went six-for-nine for 55 yards and one touchdown in the passing department, scored one touchdown running, and turned in his "best performance this year," according to Coach Howard Clabough.

Fullback Russell Walton returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown, gained 87 yards in 20 carries, and on defense made six unassisted tackles and has six assists.

Tailback Ronald Scruggs gained 69 yards on 12 carries, and passed for 29 yards, including a two-point conversion.

Defensive end James Baker made five solo tackles and had three assists against Brookville on Thursday.

Offensive lineman Sonny Martin' blocked well from his tackle position, and on defense, had three solo tackles.

Offensive guard Tommy Richardson helped open good holes for the running backs and did a good job of keeping his man away from the play, according to the coach.

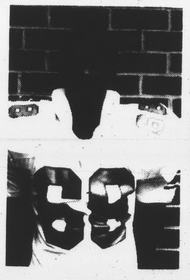
Three honored

Jeff Miller, Todd Scruggs, and Kevin Ferguson were named varsity Raider players of the week for their performance in Friday night's game against Brookville.

Miller was cited for his efforts on the defensive line, which included eight tackles, three assists, a blocked extra point, a blocked pass and one forced fumble.

Scruggs was commended for his performance on the offensive line, according to Raider Coach Gary Cuccio, "He did a very good job picking up blitzes and blocking his man," the coach noted.

Ferguson was cited for his efforts at quarterback, which included 105 yards passing, and 73 yards running the ball.



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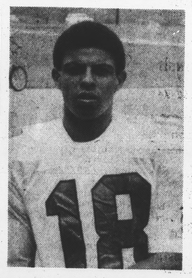

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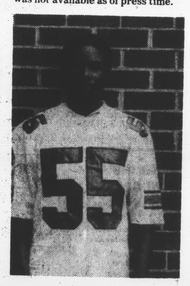

Todd Scruggs

Girls defeat Lady Bees

The Raiderette varsity basketball team defeated Brookville 54-26 last Tuesday, the lost a hard-fought contest to Liberty, 64-47 on Thursday.

The Raiderettes started slowly against Brookville, but held an 19-12 advantage at the end of the first half. The team heated up in the second half, however, and outscored the Lady Bees 36-14 to ice the victory.

"It was an excellent defensive effort," commented Raiderette Coach Mary Tolley. "The girls' pressure and agressiveness caused numerous turnovers."

Ruby Smith led the Raiderettes with 26 points, six rebounds, four steals, and two assists. Sandra Watkins had 14 points, 12 rebounds, six steals, and six assists. Robin Paulette had seven points, two steals, and five assists. Kaye Brown had four points, eight rebounds, and three steals. Cheryl Williams had two rebounds and two assists. Delores Smith had one point, three rebounds and one assist. Tammy Martin had two points, and Bev Bennett had one rebound for the Raiderettes. Donna Dickerson had two rebounds and one assist for the Raiderettes, and Tolley commended Sally Coleman and Lisa Pannell for their performance off the bench against Brookville.

Thursday's game against Liberty was closer than the 64-47 final score indicates. With less than three minutes left in the game, the Raiderettes had pulled to within four points of Liberty.

Tolley said that she feels the Raiderettes are beginning to play up to their potential, with the district tournament scheduled to begin begin next Tuesday (Nov.2).

Sandra Watkins was the leading scorer against Liberty, with 20 points, six rebounds, two steals, and one assist. Ruby Smith had 18 points, seven rebounds, five steals, and two assists; Robin Paulette had two points, two rebounds, one steal and 10 assists; Kay Brown had three points, three rebounds, four steals, two blocked shots and played "excellent defense," according to Tolley. Lisa Pannell had four rebounds, two steals and two assists; Sally Coleman had two points, one rebound and one steal against Liberty.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to travel to Buckingham Tuesday, and then return home today (Thursday) to wind up regular-season play.

The Seminole District Tournament, scheduled to begin next Tuesday, wil run through Nov. 6 at Liberty High School. The Raiderettes' seeding in the tournament was not available as of press time.

Menus

Appomattox Primary School

Thurs., Oct. 28 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, Steamed cabbage, milk.

Fri., Oct. 29 - Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, Apple Sticks, Milk.

Mon., Nov. 1 - Hot dog with trimmings, Baked beans, Fruit, Happy Birthday Cake, Milk.

Tues., Nov. 2 - Chili Beans, Slaw, Homemade rolls, Butter, Mixed fruit, Milk.

Wed., Nov. 3 - Chuck Wagon, Corn on Cob, Mixed vegetables, Homemade roll-Butter, Milk.

Thurs., Nov. 4 - Hamburger on bun, Green peas, Apple sauce, Milk.

Fri., Nov. 5 - Fish, Greens, French fries, Homemade Roll, Butter, Milk.

Mon., Nov. 8 - Bologna, Creamed Potatoes, String beans, Roll, Butter, Milk.

Tues., Nov. 9 - Beefaroni, Tossed salad, Homemade Roll, Butter, Fruit, Milk.

Wed., Nov. 10 - Pork barbecue, String beans, Candied yams, Jello W/Topping, Milk.

Thurs., Nov. 11 - Hamburger on bun, French fries, mixed vegetables, Fruit, Milk.

Fri., Nov. 12 - Vegetable soup, Grilled cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk.

Mon., Nov. 15 - TEACHER WORK DAY

Tues., Nov. 16 - Sausage pattie, Green peas, Homemade roll-Butter, Apple sauce, Milk.

Wed., Nov. 17 - Spaghetti, Cheese squares, Tossed salad, Fruit, Homemade Roll, Butter, Milk.

Thurs., Nov. 18 - Hamburger on bun, Lima beans, Cherries, Milk.

Fri., Nov. 19 - Fish, Mixed winter vegetables, Creamed potatoes, Corn bread, Butter, Milk.

Mon., Nov. 11 - Hot dog on bun, French fries, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.

Tues., Nov. 23 - Turkey and Gravy, Candied yams, Green peas, Bread, Milk

Wed., Nov. 24 - Vegetable soup & crackers, Cheese sandwich, Apple sauce, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 25 & Fri., Nov. 26 No School THANKSGIVING

Mon., Nov. 29 - Corn dog, String beans, French fries, Brownie, Milk.

Tues., Nov. 30 - Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Roll, Butter, Fruit, Milk.

Elementary School Menu

Mon., Nov. 1 - Chicken pot pie, tomato and lettuce salad w/dressing, sliced peaches, milk.

Tues., Nov. 2 - Pizza Burger, Lima Beans, Buttered corn, Blueberry pie, milk.

Wed., Nov. 3 - Hot dog on bun, cole slaw, pinto beans, applesauce, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 4 - Barbecue chicken; seasoned shellie beans, buttered boiled potatoe,s hot rolls, apple juice, milk.

Fri., Nov. 5 - Sliced ham, roll, green peas, potato triangles, fruit cup, milk.

Middle School Menu

Thurs., Oct. 28 - Chili Beans, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Hot Roll, Milk.

Fri., Oct. 29 - Batter Dipped Fish, Brocollli, Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Roll, Milk.

Mon., Nov. 1 - Beans & Franks, Boiled Cabbage, Peaches, Hot Roll, Milk.

Tues., Nov. 2 - Beef Aroni, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Hot Roll, Milk.

Wed., Nov. 3 - Fried Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, String Beans, Gravy, Hot Roll, Milk.

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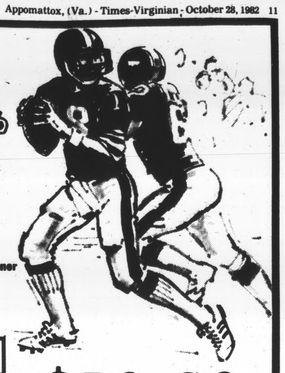

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